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## RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED AUGUST 24, 2005

Applicant respectfully traverses a rejection of claims 1, 3-5 and 8-12 under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Bonkowski et al. in view of Harelstad et al.

Applicants claim an optically decorative product, which as defined by sole independent claim 1, includes a layer of transparent polymeric material having opposed surfaces with one of the opposed surfaces provided with a plurality of parallel ridges and grooves and an outer layer of single color substantially transparent polymeric material mounted to one of the opposed surfaces. The recited function for this claimed structure is that the two claimed layers combined to produce in the presence of light a color effect image such that the layer of transparent polymeric material has an appearance other than that of the surface of the layer of transparent polymeric material and with the image being other than coincident with the opposed surfaces of the layer of transparent polymeric material. Applicants claimed optically decorative product is neither taught nor suggested by Bonkowski et al. or Harelstad et al., either alone or in combination.

Bonkowski et al. discloses and describes a security article which provides color shifting for security measures such as anti-counter fitting. Bonkowski et al. discloses, with